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WARRIORS TRAVEL TO LAURENTIAN CHRISTMAS TOURNEY
Loyola has Busy Holiday Schedule

The Loyola Hockey Warriors, seventh ranked nationally, finish off a strong first half of the 74-75 season when they travel to the top college hockey tournament in the country, the Laurentian University Tournament, on December 20, 21 and 22 in Sudbury, Ontario.

In the opening round game on Friday the Warriors will face the top team in the Canada West Conference, the third ranked Alberta Golden Bears. This may very well be a preview of the National Semi-Finals as this year the Quebec Champion travels to the home of the Western Champion in the National semis.

In addition to the Warriors and Golden Bears, other participants include the host Laurentian Voyageurs, St. Mary's Huskies, Toronto Varsity Blues, Waterloo Warriors, as well as Ohio State and Lake Superior State.

Warriors Favoured

The Warriors will probably enter the tourney as one of the favourites on the basis of their first half record of 11-3-4. Only two Canadian teams hold victories over Loyola, the Toronto Blues and the Quebec Conference leaders, the Trois Rivières Patriotes, while the Warriors can boast wins over Toronto, Ottawa, Moncton, York, Queen's and Guelph, along with ties with Waterloo and Trois Rivières. Many observers feel that this outstanding non-conference record merits ranking in the top three teams in Canada.

Another factor in the Warriors favor is that Toronto, St. Mary's, Alberta and Waterloo all have players travelling with the Student National Team in Europe.

Corsi Outstanding

Goaltender Jim Corsi, who turned down a late invite to join the Student National Team, has been the most valuable Warrior to date. Considered by many to be the best goaltender in College Hockey, Corsi has a 3.18 goals against average during the 1st half of play.

Leading scorer for the Warriors has been right winger Dave Wilson, with 22 goals and 12 assists in 18 games. Wilson along with linemates Ron Hansis (8-19-27) and John Harris (12-14-26), a former Toronto Marlboro star, have been the Warriors leading unit during the 1st half.

Defense Still Hurting

The Warriors still find themselves hurting on defense. Mike O'Doherty, the Acadia transfer who was to replace Glen Surbey (now with Omaha), was injured in the Moncton Tournament and still has not recovered from his shoulder separation. Claude Campeau, who last season played with the Hull Festivals of the Quebec Major Junior League, has joined the team but was injured against Toronto and is out indefinitely. Coach Paul Arsenault, with an excess of good forwards, may transfer left wingers Don Morris and Mile Relihan to the blueline for the Laurentian Tournament. Morris played defense against Providence and showed well and Relihan, an outstanding checking forward, has been practicing on the blueline for some time.

Post Christmas Clash at Loyola

The Warriors host Clarkson College on Thursday January 2 at 7 p.m. in a unique game for the Loyola skaters. Usually U.S. College Clubs prefer to play at home but this year the Warriors will host perennial eastern power Clarkson under Canadian rules. This game will be a very interesting confrontation with the North American Collegiate Championships being discussed again this season.

Ottawa Tourney Slated

The Warriors will travel to the 1st ever Ottawa University Tournament on January 3 and 4th in Ottawa. Ottawa was defeated by the Warriors 8-1 in the season opener but since have improved and are currently ranked 9th in the Country.

Loyola Record to Date

<u>Loyola</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
8	Ottawa	1
6	Moncton	4) Moncton
5	Toronto	1) Tournament Champs
4	Waterloo	4
6	Guelph	2
6	Trois Rivières	6
11	Queen's	5
8	Mc Gill	2
10	York	3
1	Trois Rivières	4
13	Bishop's	5
6	Sir George	3
14	Bishop's	5
6	Sir George	2
5	R.P.I.	6 Overtime
4	Mc Gill	4
1	Toronto	3